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1. THIS IS AN INTERIM REPLY TO REF B BUT WILL ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS RAISED BY REF B. WE ARE OMITTING, HOWEVER, SPECIFIC DETAILS CONCERNING THE COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS OF THE JORDANIAN NARCOTICS BUREAU. THESE WILL BE COVERED BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM IN NEXT DAY OR SO.

2. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA 2 REF B.

A. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 21 FULL-TIME PERSONNEL IN JORDAN WORKING ON NARCOTICS. THERE ARE PLANS TO
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ESTABLISH THREE OUT-STATIONS IN THE NORTH (IRBID),

CENTER (AMMAN) AND SOUTH (MA'AN) OF THE COUNTRY, EACH HEADED BY A CAPTAIN. THIS IS SCHEDULED TO GO INTO EFFECT DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS. WHEN ACCOMPLISHED THERE WILL BE 84 FULL-TIME INDIVIDUALS WORKING ON THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN JORDAN. LONG RANGE PLANS ENVISAGE THREE SUB-OFFICES TO EACH OF THE THREE DISTRICT OFFICES, AND IN THIS SITUATION THERE WILL BE 160 FULL-TIME PERSONNEL.

B. ALL 21 PERSONS NOW WORKING FULL-TIME ON NARCOTICS ARE STATIONED IN AMMAN. THE THREE CAPTAINS WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO HEAD THE OFFICES IN THE NORTH, CENTRAL AND SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY ARE FOCUSED ON THOSE AREAS, HOWEVER, AND ARE HANDLING INFORMANTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

C. THE NARCOTICS BUREAU IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE JORDANIAN PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES (PSF). AT PRESENT, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FROM THE PSF CAN BE UTILIZED BY THIS UNIT, BUT THE BUREAU SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN EQUIPMENT FOR OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND SECURITY. IF THE UNIT HAS THIS EQUIPMENT, IT SHOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE PSF NET BUT WILL BE ASSIGNED ITS OWN FREQUENCIES FOR ITS EXCLUSIVE USE. EQUIPMENT NOW UTILIZED BY THE PSF IS MOTOROLA. THE NARCOTICS UNIT HAS NO USE OF THE EQUIPMENT OF OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THE CID UNIT WITHIN THE PSF ITSELF DOES NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT EQUIPMENT APPROPRIATE FOR NARCOTICS USAGE.

D. THE PSF WORKSHOPS CAN AND WILL SUPPORT THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED TO THE NARCOTICS BUREAU. THERE SHOULD BE NO RECURRING COSTS TO THE USG.

E. NARCOTICS BUREAU DESIRES ONE SLOT PER YEAR IN THE DEA NARCOTICS COURSE FOR FOREIGN OFFICERS.

3. REGARDING VEHICLES REQUESTED IN REF A: THE FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES ARE REQUIRED FOR OPERATIONS IN THE DESERT, PARTICULARLY H-4 AND H-5, WHERE A LOT OF SMUGGLING ACTIVITY TAKES PLACE, AS WELL AS ON THE JORDANIAN-SAUDI BORDER. JEEPS ARE ACCEPTABLE AND CAN

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BE MAINTAINED. THE FOUR DOOR SEDANS SHOULD BE EITHER PLYMOUTHS OR CHEVROLETS, ALTHOUGH FORDS ARE ACCEPTABLE. SPARE PARTS ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY.

4. IT IS UNDERSTOOD BY ALL CONCERNED THAT ANY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED THE NARCOTICS BUREAU WILL BE FOR ITS EXCLUSIVE USE IN ITS OPERATIONS AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS. THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN, PSF DIRECTOR

ANWAR MUHAMMAD, AND THE CHIEF OF THE NARCOTICS BUREAU
LT. COL YUSIF GHARAYBAH. THE EMBASSY ENJOYS A CLOSE
AND CANDID WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL THREE OF THESE
PRINCIPALS AND IS IN A POSITION TO MONITOR CLOSELY THE
USE OF ANY USG-PROVIDED EQUIPMENT TO THE NARCOTICS
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